

I urge the Commission to NOT relax the rules of ownership any further than they already have been in the last three years. In fact, the results of previous deregulation in radio broadcast tenure show that media ownership has in fact, been further concentrated rather than more competitive. Furthermore, I ask that FCC Chairman Michael Powell open public hearings in major U.S. cities on this subject, discuss it on major news outlets (despite their vested interests the debate is vital to American democracy), and work with congress to craft a solution that is fair, transparent, and which encourages a diverse media. Any solution that allows further concentration in ownership threatens to erode the fundamental role that the "Fourth Estate" plays in our democracy.